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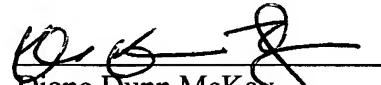
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,785,821 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. JP-A-9-157213, U.S. Patent No. 6,252,110 B1 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. JP-A-11-12222, and U.S. Patent No. 6,409,886 B1 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. JP-A-2000-355570.

Applicants submit that this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to a first action on the merits.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Respectfully submitted,



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		JP-A-11-12222	1999.1.19	Japan				
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